

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1 to 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (currently amended) A package comprising: (A) components which, upon being mixed, are capable of forming a pharmaceutical composition that is effective in treating acne, one of said components comprising a benzoyl peroxide gel and another of said components comprising a gel of erythromycin ~~and hydroxypropylcellulose~~; and (B) containers for holding said components in the package separated one from the other; said components having viscosities such that, upon the application of a uniform force to said components, substantially equal volumes of said components are capable of being dispensed simultaneously from said containers to form said composition; wherein

- (i) said benzoyl peroxide gel has a viscosity from about 200,000 cps to about 500,000 cps and said erythromycin gel has a viscosity of from about 200,000 cps to about 500,000 cps; and wherein
- (ii) said composition comprises about 1% to about 30% w/w of benzoyl peroxide and about 0.8 to about 5% w/w of erythromycin.

Claim 19 (original) The package of Claim 18 wherein said benzoyl peroxide gel comprises about 8 to about 12% w/w – component benzoyl peroxide.

Claim 20 (currently amended) The package of Claim 18 wherein said erythromycin ~~and hydroxypropylcellulose~~ gel comprises about 5.5 to about 8.5% w/w – component erythromycin. ~~and about 3 to about 5.5% w/w – component hydroxypropylcellulose.~~

Claim 21 (currently amended) The package of Claim of 18 wherein said benzoyl peroxide gel comprises about 10.5% w/w – component benzoyl peroxide and said gel of erythromycin ~~and hydroxypropylcellulose~~ comprises about 7% w/w – component erythromycin and includes also about 4% w/w – ~~components of~~ hydropropylcellulose.

Claim 22 (cancelled)

Claim 23 (currently amended) A gel composition for the treatment of acne comprising, in pharmaceutically effective concentrations:

- (a) about 1 to about 30% w/w benzoyl peroxide;
- (b) about 0.5 to about 6% w/w erythromycin; and
- (c) about 1 to about 4% w/w hydroxypropylcellulose gelling agent; and

wherein said composition has a viscosity of about 200,000 to about 500,000 cps.

Claim 24 (original) The composition of Claim 23 including an additional gelling agent.

Claim 25 (currently amended) The composition of Claim 23 including about 0.05 to about 1% w/w of a surface active agent.

Claim 26 (currently amended) The composition of Claim 23 including about 0.1 to about 1% w/w of a base. which increases the pH of said composition to a value at which said composition has an acceptable viscosity.

Claim 27 (original) The composition of Claim 23 including an alcohol solvent for said erythromycin.

Claim 28 (original) The composition of Claim 23 including a diluent.

Claim 29 (currently amended) A gel composition for the treatment of acne comprising, in pharmaceutically effective amounts: (a) about 2.5 to about 15% w/w benzoyl peroxide; (b) about 0.8 to about 5% w/w erythromycin; (c) about 0.5% to about 4% w/w hydroxypropylcellulose gelling agent; ~~(d) a gelling agent; (e) a surface active agent; (f) a base; (g) an alcohol; and (h) water.~~

Claim 30 (currently amended) The composition of Claim 29 ~~wherein said~~ including an additional gelling agent. is a hydroxylated vinylic polymer.

Claim 31 (currently amended) The composition of Claim 29 25 wherein said surface active agent is dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate.

Claim 32 (currently amended) The composition of Claim 29 26 wherein said base is sodium hydroxide.

Claim 33 (currently amended) The composition of Claim 29 27 wherein said alcohol is specially denatured ethanol.

Claim 34 (original) A composition for the treatment of acne comprising about 5.25% w/w – composition benzoyl peroxide, about 3.45% w/w – composition erythromycin, and about 2% w/w – composition hydroxypropylcellulose.

Claim 35 (original) The composition of Claim 34 comprising about 0.95% w/w – composition of a hydroxylated vinylic polymer, about 0.10% w/w – composition of dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate, about 0.2% w/w – composition of sodium hydroxide, about 44.55% w/w – composition specially denatured ethanol and about 43.5% w/w – composition of water.

Claim 36 (currently amended) A package ~~containing a first acne treating composition and a second acne treating composition, said compositions tending to degrade chemically upon being~~

~~mixed with one another, said package comprising a first chamber containing said second composition, each of said chambers having a sealed dispensing orifice, said orifices positioned adjacent to one another.~~ according to Claim 18 which is a multiple use package and which includes a dose-metering pump for dispensing from the package a dose of the components from a larger amount of the components which are contained in each of said containers.

Claim 37 (currently amended) A package according to Claim 18 ~~containing a first acne-treating composition and a second acne-treating composition, said compositions tending to degrade chemically upon being mixed with one another, said package~~ comprising a first and second packet, said packets being attached to each other and each of said packets having a sealed dispensing orifice, said sealed dispensing orifices being positioned adjacent to each other so that, as said ~~compositions~~ components are dispensed through the offices in unsealed form, they are combined with each other.

Claim 38 (currently amended) A package containing a first acne-treating composition comprising a benzoyl peroxide gel and a second acne-treating composition comprising an erythromycin gel, said compositions tending to degrade chemically upon being mixed with one another, said package comprising a first and second packet joined to one another in a parallel relationship along a commonly shared side, each of said packets having a top portion which includes a dispensing orifice that has a tear-off tab seal, a bottom portion positioned opposite said top portion, and two sides faces arranged in a parallel relationship to one another defining a chamber therebetween, ~~and an exterior face and an interior face~~, said first packet containing said first composition and said second packet containing said second composition, ~~said interior faces of said packets~~ being foldable along said commonly shared side to bring two of said faces into

adjacent ~~to and~~ facing relationship with one another such that said dispensing orifices are positioned adjacent each other allowing said tear-off tabs ~~can~~ to be simultaneously torn off such that said compositions ~~are~~ may be dispensed and combined with each other as they exit said packets through said dispensing orifices, wherein the compositions have viscosities such that, upon application of uniform force to said packets, substantially equal volumes of said compositions are capable of being dispensed simultaneously through said orifices.

Claim 39 (New) A package according to Claim 18 wherein the component comprising the erythromycin gel includes hydroxypropylcellulose gelling agent and has a viscosity of about 200,000 to about 4000,000 cps.

Claim 40 (New) A package according to Claim 18 wherein said benzoyl peroxide gel comprises about 8 to about 12% w/w – component and said erythromycin gel comprises about 5.5 to about 8.5% w/w – component.

Claim 41 (New) A package according to Claim 40 wherein the component comprising the erythromycin gel includes about 3 to about 5% w/w of hydroxypropylcellulose gelling agent.

Claim 42 (New) A package according to Claim 40 wherein the component comprising the benzoyl peroxide gel includes about 1 to about 3% w/w gelling agent comprising a polymer of acrylic acid cross-linked with about 1% of a polyallylether of sucrose having an average of about 5.8 allyl groups for each sucrose molecule.

Claim 43 (New) A package according to Claim 42 wherein the component comprising the benzoyl peroxide gel includes about 0.1 to 0.3% w/w of dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate.

Claim 44 (New) A package according to Claim 43 wherein the component comprising the benzoin peroxide gel includes about 0.3 to 0.5% w/w of sodium hydroxide.

Claim 45 (New) A package according to Claim 41 wherein said component comprising the benzoin peroxide gel includes about 0.3 to 0.5% w/w sodium hydroxide.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.